countries were invited and had one to one meetings with Indian manufacturers of capital machinery.

Under Focus Africa Programme, they are planning to hold Indiatech exhibitions in Ethiopia and South Africa for projecting the Indian capabilities in the field of capital machinery and project exports.

**Uniform grain procurement policy**

†2397.SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a suggestion regarding formulation of a uniform grain procurement policy;

(b) if so, Government's, reaction thereto; and

(c) by when a final decision in this regard would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM-RAJU): (a) The present policy of Minimum Support Prices and procurement of Fair Average Quality standard of food grains is being implemented with the help of the State Governments uniformly in all States which have potential for procurement.

The High Level Committee constituted to formulate a Long Term Grain Policy has also recommended that the MSP Policy should continue with an immediate correction.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

**Liquidation of surplus foodgrains**

2398. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which Government have been able to liquidate surplus foodgrains stocks through exports and food assistance to other countries during the last year; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.